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ABSTRACT

This annotated bibliography lists over 400 books on Alaska recommended for consideration for Alaskana collections in public libraries. The core list is arranged in the following broad subject categories: (1) reference; (2) biography, memoirs, travel; (3) fiction; (4) history; (5) native culture/history; (6) native language dictionaries; and (7) nature, science, technology. With the exception of the native language dictionaries, each category is arranged in three levels: Basic - Level 1 for libraries with a small developing collection and limited services; Intermediate - Level 2 for libraries with a more mature collection and services; and Advanced - Level 3 for libraries serving a collection and services for a stable, larger population. Libraries at Basic - Level 1 should find titles listed under this level most relevant; libraries at Intermediate-Level 2 should evaluate all titles listed in both Levels 1 and 2; and those libraries at Advanced - Level 3 should consider all titles on the list. Contact information for the members of the Alaskana Working Group, which compiled the bibliography, and author and title indexes are included. (KRN)

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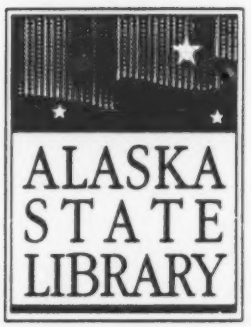

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Preface

Alaskana for Libraries: A core list of books is the product of the Alaskana Working Group which is a part of the Alaska Library Association's Statewide Collection Development Committee. It is our first attempt to list a core collection for public libraries in Alaska. This bibliography is a committee effort, and as such is based on compromise in some cases. We have worked on this list for two years as our time allowed. We solicited help from those knowledgeable in Alaskan history and literature and public library needs. Thanks to Robert N. DeArmond, Terrence Cole, William Hunt, Jo Antonson and Alaska State Library coordinators Judy Monroe, Aja Razumny and Audrey Kolb, all of whom reviewed our drafts and made helpful suggestions. Any mistakes or omissions, however, are our own.

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Please contact any members of the group (listed on the following page) if you have questions, additions, comments, or need assistance in finding Alaskan titles or sources for purchasing books. We will be looking for new titles for future editions.

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Introduction

This publication is an annotated list of over 400 books on Alaska which the Alaskana Working Group recommends be considered first for any Alaskana collection in public libraries. It is meant to suggest, *not* dictate, titles for three levels of public libraries in Alaska, based on the level of service offered: *Basic - Level 1*; *Intermediate - Level 2* and *Advanced - Level 3*. An individual library should evaluate each title according to its own collection policy and the regional interests of its users. Some of the titles in the *Advanced - Level 3* category, for example, may fit into collecting goals of a smaller library. Or, in another case, a library in Southeastern Alaska may not choose to purchase all titles listed which concern Eskimo culture. The list may seem overwhelming to some libraries, but the committee erred on the side of a longer list, trusting that the length of the list will allow each library to pick and choose which books are most important and have the most priority for its particular collection and users.

Criteria:

- Titles selected are those which have proved most useful to those in the Alaskana Working Group.
- Some titles are not in print. If a book is out of print, and a similar title is in print, the in-print title was given preference.
- Regional or local interest items are listed only in special cases.
- Children's books and periodicals (except for issues noted as monographs) are *not* included.

Arrangement of the list: Category - Level - Entry

Category ☞

The core list is arranged in broad subject categories:

Reference

Biography, Memoirs, Travel

Fiction

History

Native Culture/History

Native Language Dictionaries

Nature, Science, Technology

Level ☞

Within each category, the list is arranged in three levels, with the exception of Native Language Dictionaries.

Basic - Level 1: Libraries with a small developing collection and limited services (Consider Level 1 first.)

Intermediate - Level 2: Libraries with a more mature collection and services (Consider both Level 1 and 2.)

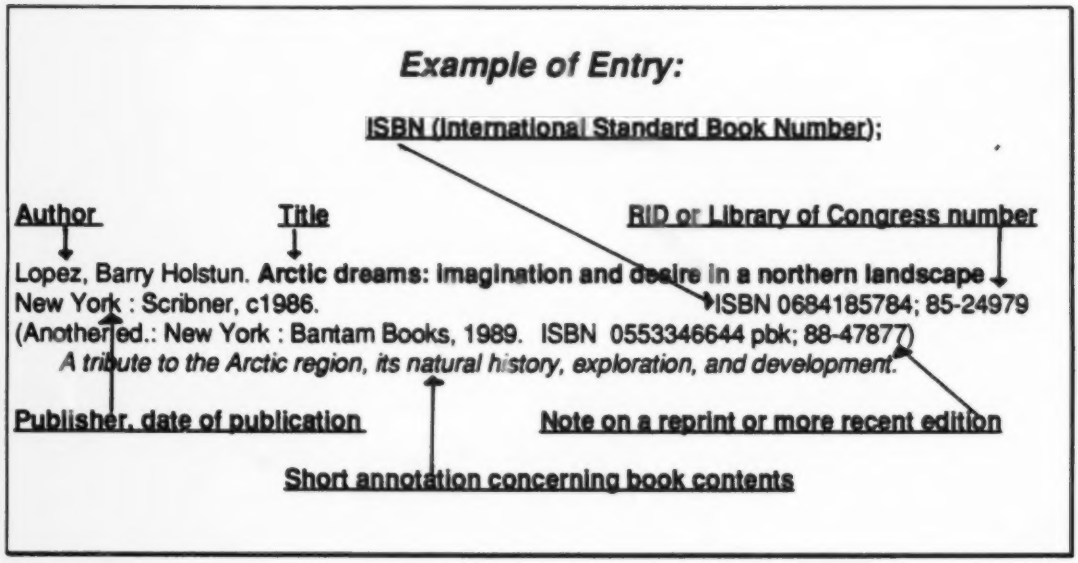
Advanced - Level 3: Libraries serving a collection and services for a stable, larger population (Consider the entire list.)

Basic - Level 1 choices in each subject category should be considered first by all libraries. To determine a library's level, a library will need to consider the stage of development and services of its program. For example, is the library open full-time, seasonal, or part-time? Are programs mainly for children and young adults? Does the budget allow for purchase of Alaskana, or should the monies be used for a higher collection priority? These are questions which each library must answer for itself.

The list is cumulative: Those libraries at Basic - Level 1, for example, will find titles listed under Level 1 most relevant. Titles at Levels 2 and 3, should be considered *only if* they are significant for the population that the Level 1 Library serves and fit that collection development policy. Libraries at Intermediate - Level 2, in turn, should evaluate all titles listed in both Levels 1 and 2 and chose what is most appropriate. Those at Advanced - Level 3 will want to consider *all* titles on the list.

Entry ☞

Example of Entry:


ISBN (International Standard Book Number);
Author
Title
RID or Library of Congress number
Lopez, Barry Holstun. Arctic dreams: imagination and desire in a northern landscape
New York : Scribner, c1986.
ISBN 0684185784; 85-24979
(Another ed.: New York : Bantam Books, 1989. ISBN 0553346644 pbk; 88-47877)
A tribute to the Arctic region, its natural history, exploration, and development.
Publisher, date of publication
Note on a reprint or more recent edition
Short annotation concerning book contents

REFERENCE

REFERENCE Basic Level 1

Alaska atlas and gazetteer.
Freeport, ME: DeLorme Mapping, 1992. ISBN 0899332013; wln92-464134
Alaska topographic maps reproduced in small (11" x 15 1/2"), easy to use, portable format.

Alaska. Dept. of Community & Regional Affairs. **Alaska municipal officials directory.**
Juneau: Dept. of Community & Regional Affairs/Alaska Municipal League. 76-64531
An annual guide to Alaska municipal government, listing boroughs and home rule, first and second class cities and their current officials. Also noted are date of incorporation, population, city election date, sales tax and date of City Council meetings.

Alaska. Dept. of Fish and Game. **Wildlife notebook series.** publ. date varies.
Juneau : Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game. wln91-377089
Fifty-seven leaflets giving brief background information and descriptions of various Alaskan fish and wildlife species. There are illustrations and maps showing common habitat regions.

Alaska. Division of State Libraries, Museums, and Archives. **Alaska blue book.** biennial.
Juneau : Alaska Dept. of Education. Div. of Libraries, Archives and Museums. 73-646395
Official fact book for Alaska, including a directory for all three branches of state government, the Alaska Constitution, local and federal entities, and general information concerning the arts, education, and the economy. Indexed. Not cumulative, so keep back editions.

_____.**Some books about Alaska received in 19--.** annual.
Juneau : Alaska Dept. of Education, Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums. wln90-314725
Free. An annotated listing of Alaskan and Arctic-related materials received by the Alaska Historical Collections. Citations are in three categories: Juvenile, Adult Non-fiction (including Reference), and Adult Fiction. Beginning with the 1989 edition, titles considered appropriate for purchase by small and medium-sized public and school libraries are starred.

Alaska Geographic Society. **Alaska geographic.**
Alaska Geographic, P.O. Box 93370, Anchorage, AK 99509-3370 (ISSN0361-1353);72-092087
Quarterly since 1969. Published as a serial, each issue covers a single subject, and many individual titles are valuable additions to an Alaskana collection. Select titles pertaining to the whole state, your region, or local interests for reference. Individual issue costs vary.

Alaska. Legislature. Legislative Affairs Agency. **Directory of state officials.** semi-annual.
Juneau : Alaska Legislative Affairs Agency. 81-1234
Lists members of the executive, judicial and legislative branches and miscellaneous offices of state government. Includes mailing addresses and phone numbers. A good way to keep up with changing personnel at the upper levels of state government. (Keep most recent)

Alaska Library Association. **Alaska library directory.** annual.
Juneau : Alaska Division of State Libraries, Archives and Museums/ Alaska Library Association. 77-810
All libraries and key personnel are listed with addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers and UACN identification. Indispensable for contacting other libraries. (Keep most recent)

Alaska wilderness milepost. annual.
Bellevue, WA : Vernon Publications, Inc. 86-650008
Describes access and visitor services for more than 250 remote villages and 200 public-use cabins. Profiles the parks and wildlife refuges of Alaska, gives tips on fishing locations and selecting outfitters or guides (Keep most recent)

Facts about Alaska. annual.
Anchorage : Alaska Northwest Books sn90-5652
Miscellaneous information about Alaska, arranged in dictionary format with brief entries. Serious statistics as well as fun trivia about Alaska. An incomplete listing of Alaska newspapers and magazines is included. (Keep most recent)

Kolb, Audrey. **A Manual for small libraries in Alaska.** 2nd ed. wln92-393395
Juneau : Alaska Dept. of Education. Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums. 1992.
Distributed free to public libraries in Alaska by the Alaska State Library. Indispensable resource for managing and operating a small public library in Alaska.

Milepost. annual.
Bellevue, WA : Vernon Publications, Inc. ISSN 03611361; ISBN 1878425250; 51-22092
Reference guide for travelers. Detailed information, mile-by-mile, about Alaska and northwestern Canada's highways. Brief descriptions of places accessible by road, with Alaska ferry and railroad schedules and other travelers' information.

Orth, Donald J. **Dictionary of Alaska place names.**
Washington, DC : U.S. Gov. Print. Office, 1967; reprinted with minor revisions, 1971.
microfiche: Reston, Va.: National Cartographic Information Center, 1982. wln84-12637
Indispensable guide to names of places and natural features in Alaska, with geographic descriptions and historical references.

Schorr, Alan Edward. **Alaska place names.**
Juneau : Denali Press, 1991. (4th ed.) ISBN 0938737252; 90-25630
Published as a cumulative supplement to Orth's ***Dictionary of Alaska Place Names*** *; this edition includes all new and revised place names for Alaska since 1966.*

Telephone books
Purchase as needed: for most of Alaska and the Lower 48 purchase from the Pacific Telecom offices (1+800-478-7121). For the Fairbanks directory , contact the Fairbanks Municipal Utilities System. A Seattle phone book, with both white and yellow pages, is an essential purchase.

REFERENCE Intermediate - Level 2

Alaska. Dept. of Commerce and Economic Development. **Community profiles, 1977 - 1991.**
Juneau : Alaska Department of Commerce
Fold out maps and a range of practical information on over 60 Alaskan towns and villages, including land use, environmental considerations and a calendar of subsistence activities. Series is not expected to be updated, and some profiles are out of print, but much of the information is still useful.

Alaska. Dept. of Education. **Alaska education directory.** annual
Juneau : Alaska Dept. of Education 82-643736
Arranged alphabetically by school district, then by name of the school; lists personnel, including classroom teachers and grade level or subject. Indexed by school name with appendices for private schools, postsecondary schools and other education resources.

Alaska. Dept. of Labor. Research and Analysis Section. **Population overview.** annual
Juneau : Alaska Dept. of Labor. Research and Analysis Section, 1979- 88-659938
Population statistics for all towns and villages in Alaska, with latest census estimates and trends.

Alaska. Division of State Libraries, Archives and Museums. **Interlibrary loan, the key to resource sharing: a manual of procedures and protocols.** wln89-178327
Juneau : Alaska Dept. of Education. Division of State Libraries and Archives, 1989.
Free to members of the Alaska Library Network. (All libraries in Alaska are Network members). Essential guide to interlibrary loan procedures for libraries in Alaska.

Alaska Legislative Council. **Alaska statutes.**
Juneau : Alaska Legislative Council (Charlottesville, VA : Michie Co.), 1962 - 63-1415
All laws of the state of Alaska. A set should be available in either the library or in the municipal offices of each community. Updated annually, at additional cost.

Atwood, Evangeline and R. N. DeArmond. **Who's who in Alaskan politics: a biographical dictionary of Alaskan political personalities, 1884 - 1974.**
Portland, OR : Binford & Mort/Alaska Historical Commission, 1977. ISBN 0832302872; 77-76025
Short biographical outlines of governors, secretaries, judges, delegates, U.S. marshals, legislators and other governmental officials, as well as personalities who made substantial imprints on Alaskanpolitics.

Census Alaska: number of inhabitants, 1792-1970.
United States. Bureau of the Census. Rollins, Alden M., compiler
Anchorage : University of Alaska Anchorage Library, 1978.
microfiche: Anchorage, Environment and Natural Resources Institute, 1978. wln88-150558
Reprints of basic enumerations of population available on Alaska by federal government from 1880 to 1970; also includes some materials reported by the U. S. Census on Russian reports of population before 1880.

Pierce, Richard A. **Russian America: a biographical dictionary.**
Kingston, ONT.;Fairbanks, Alaska : Limestone Press,1990. ISBN 0919642454; 90-215622
Selected biographies of those who most influenced Alaska during this period: Native Americans, British, Spanish, French, American and others, in addition to Russians.

Subject guide to *Alaska magazine.*
Anchorage : Alaska Northwest Pub. Co. 2 vols.: 1935 - 72 (pub. 1973) wln90-309337
1973 - 77 (pub. 1980) wln84-100333
Index to longest continuously published magazine devoted to Alaska. Two volumes, one covering 1935 - 1972; one covering 1973 - 1977.

Tabbert, Russell. **Dictionary of Alaskan English.**
Juneau : Denali Press, 1991. ISBN 0938737236; 90-21852
A dictionary of words that are unique to or highly characteristic of the English used in Alaska. It is arranged around broad semantic categories such as "Food", "Transportation" and "Climate", with alphabetical access through an index. Each word is explained, then citations demonstrate examples of usage, both historical and current.

REFERENCE Advanced - Level 3

Access Alaska. **Alaska resource manual.** biennial
Anchorage : The Resource Line, c1988- wln92-79403
Lists basic social services available by region in state; indicates service, contact address and telephone number, and outline of services provided. Includes organizations providing assistance for basic needs, physical and mental health, education, safety, environmental quality and consumerism, human services planning and community development, senior citizens, family and youth, disabled, minorities, gender specific and veterans/military.

Alaska business directory.
American Directory Pub. Co., 1990- . ISSN1048-7069; 91-657808
Lists 27,000 Alaskan business names and addresses, in order by subject. Very useful for compiling mailing lists.

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education. **Directory of postsecondary educational resources in Alaska.**
Juneau : Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, 1989. 90-657460
Lists postsecondary institutions authorized to operate in Alaska.

Alaska. Dept. of Fish and Game. **Alaska's wildlife and habitat.**
Juneau: Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game 1973-78. 73-622043
Locates Alaska's wildlife resources on maps; identifies habitats and characteristics of species. Two oversized volumes.

U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs. Juneau Office. **Directory of Alaska tribal entities.** annual
Juneau : Bureau of Indian Affairs, Juneau Area Office, Branch of Tribal Government Services
Free; tel no.: 907-586-7007. Compiled by the Juneau Area Office twice yearly, this directory lists tribes, elected leaders and corporations.

***Anchorage Times* obituaries:** *three volumes cover 1915-1990. All are arranged by last name and location in newspaper. A valuable source for genealogy.*

Chang, Tohsook P. and Alden M. Rollins. ***Anchorage Times* obituary index 1915-1980.**
Anchorage : University of Alaska Anchorge Library, 1979.
microfiche: Anchorage : Environment and Natural Resources Institute, 1979-81.
volume one for 1915 - 1965 wln80-71619
volume two for 1966 - 1980 wln81-74162

***Anchorage Times* obituaries index 1981-1990.**
edited by Barbara Samuels...[et al.]
Anchorage : Alaska Collection, Anchorage Municipal Libraries, 1991. wln92-373065

Bradbury, Connie, et. al. **Alaska people index.**
Anchorage : Alaska Historical Commission, 1986.
microfiche: Anchorage : Environment and Natural Resources Institute, 1986.
Two volumes. Volume one is an index to names found in the Alaska Sportsman *and its successor,* Alaska *magazine, 1935 - 1985. Volume two is an index to the names of individuals that appear in 23 unique Alaskan resources covering the territorial years.*

Gottehrer, Dean M., comp. **The Associated Press stylebook for Alaska.**
Fairbanks : Epicenter Press, 1991. 91-72813
A quick desk reference for newspaper personnel and editors. Identifies and defines Alaska acronyms, vocabulary, organizations, festivals, animals; includes basic information on climate, pronunciation, zip codes, state emblems and classic books on Alaska.

Harrison, Gordon Scott. **Alaska's constitution : a citizen's guide.**
Juneau : Alaska Legislative Research Agency, 1992. wln92-460700
Text of state constitution with explanation of origin and evolution of sections and amendments. This third edition is substantially larger than its predecessors.

Lautaret, Ron, comp. **Alaskan historical documents since 1867.**
Jefferson, NC : McFarland & Co., 1989. ISBN 0899503802: 89-45003
*Texts of documents and records basic to Alaska history and economic development. Begins with **Treaty of Cession** (1867) and ends with **Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act** (1971). Not all texts, such as the **Alaska Statehood Act,** appear in their entirety, but may be found in the first volume of the **Alaska Statutes.***

Levin, Michael J. **Alaska Natives in a century of change, *Anthropological papers of the University of Alaska.* Vol 23, no. 1-2.**
Fairbanks : University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1991. wln92-165356
Major contribution to historical demography on Alaska natives, using U.S. Census records, 1890-1980.

Ricks, Melvin Byron. **Melvin Ricks' Alaska bibliography, an introductory guide to Alaskan historical literature.** Edited by Stephen W. and Betty J. Haycox.
Portland, OR : Binford & Mort/Alaska Historical Commission, 1977. ISBN0832302929; 77-80570
Lists articles, government publications and books by subject and author, referring readers to other bibliographies when useful.

Selkregg, Lidia L. **Alaska regional profiles.**
Anchorage : University of Alaska, Arctic Environmental Information and Data Center, 1974. 76-367991
v.1: Southcentral region
v.2: Arctic region
v.3: Southwest region;
v.4: Southeast region
v.5: Northwest region
v.6: Yukon region
The natural and man-made environments of Alaska . Includes maps, statistics and photographs of each region, plus an extensive bibliography. (AT minimum, the library should have the profile from its own region.)

Wickersham, James. **A Bibliography of Alaskan literature, 1724-1924.**
Cordova, AK : Cordova Daily Times print, 1927. 28-20975
Subtitle states: "containing the titles of all histories, travels, voyages, newspapers, periodicals, public documents, etc., printed in English, Russian, German, French, Spanish, etc., relating to, descriptive of, or published in Russian America or Alaska...." Wickersham did miss some items, but lists 10, 380 items which he identified and gave a unique "Wickersham number". Arranged in broad subjects with a general index.

[17]BIOGRAPHY, MEMOIRS, TRAVEL

Editors' note: ***The Alaskana Working Group found choosing titles for this section difficult. A library's selections will vary according to writing styles and regional, subject and historical interest of the reader. The librarian in each community will know what the community prefers. Titles listed are representative of the various genre. Extra care in selection is advised.***

BIOGRAPHY, MEMOIRS, TRAVEL Basic - Level 1

The library collection should contain appropriate regional biographies such as: ***Yukon-Koyukuk School District's (Box 309, Nenana, AK 99760)*** *biography series; for example:*

Moses Henzie. Allakaket. 1979.
Josephine Roberts. Tanana. 1983.
Peter John. Minto. 1986.
Martha Joe. Nulato. 1987.

The University of Alaska Press serves as distributor for some titles in this series.

Leo, Richard. **Edges of the earth: a man, a woman, a child in the Alaskan wilderness.**
New York : H. Holt, 1991. ISBN 0805015752; 91-589
Biography of a man who leaves the city to establish a homestead near Denali Park: a wilderness adventure of the 1980's.

McPhee, John A. **Coming into the country.**
New York : Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1977. ISBN 0374126453; 77-12249
Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1991. Noonday ed. (paper) ISBN 0374522871
A raft trip on the Kobuk, the plan to move the capitol, the folks who settle the wilderness along the Yukon: stories by a well-known ***New Yorker*** *writer.*

Morgan, Lael. **Art and Eskimo power: the life and times of Alaskan Howard Rock.**
Fairbanks : Epicenter Press, c1988. ISBN 094539702X ; 0945397038 (pbk.); 88-24408
Biography of artist, Tundra Times founder, editor and native rights spokesman, by a close associate and colleague.

Muir, John. **Travels in Alaska.**
New York, NY : Houghton-Mifflin, c1915.
many reprint editions available; for example:
Travels in Alaska. Forward by Haines, John
John Muir Library. Sierra Club Books, 1988. ISBN 0871567830; 87-26311
Travels in Alaska.
Houghton-Mifflin Company, 1979. ISBN 0395285224; 79-119695
Travels in Alaska.
AMS Press, Inc., 1978. ISBN 0404160751; 77-19358
A classic by naturalist who visited Alaska several times between 1880 and 1900.

BIOGRAPHY, MEMOIRS, TRAVEL Intermediate - Level 2

Collins, Julie and Miki. **Trapline twins.**
Anchorage : Alaska Northwest Books, 1989. ISBN 088240332X; 88-34231
Contemporary "dual autobiography" of twins who live and trap in the Lake Minchumina region of interior Alaska.

DeArmond, R.N.,comp. **Stroller White: Klondike newsman.**
Vancouver, B.C. : Mitchell Pr., c1969.
(reprint: .Skagway, Alaska : Lynn Canal Publishing, 1990. wln91-365808)
Columns by noted newspaper editor during Klondike gold rush in Dawson and afterwards in Juneau. Later he was an Alaska territorial legislator.

Huntington, James. **On the edge of nowhere.**
New York : Crown Publishers, 1966.
(reprint: Sunnydale, CA : Press North America, 1992. ISBN 0938271032)
Adventures of a famous dogsled racer, the son of a white father and an Athapascan mother.

Murie, Margaret E. **Two in the far north.**
Anchorage : Alaska Northwest Books, 1978. (2nd ed.) ISBN 0-882401114; 78-16407
Recollections of life in Alaska with her naturalist husband during the 1950's..

Oliver, Ethel Ross. **Journal of an Aleutian year.**
Seattle : University of Washington Press, c1988. ISBN 0295966181; 87-18907
Teacher's memoir of year in Atka following World War II, as natives rebuilt their lives after three years of exile. Two appendices include personal accounts of Mike Lukanin and Alex Prossoff.

Rust, Clara with Jo Anne Wold, joint author. **This old house: the story of Clara Rust.**
Anchorage : Alaska Northwest Pub. Co., c1976. ISBN 088240069X; 76-22728
Life in and around Fairbanks from 1908 to 1946.

Purdy, Anne. **Tisha: the story of a young teacher in the Alaskan wilderness.**
Toronto; New York : Bantam Books, 1977, c1976. ISBN 0553145622; wln91-358826
Pioneer school teacher comes to teach and finds a life's work at Chicken, Alaska, in the 1920's and 1930's.

Short, Wayne. **Cheechakoes.**
New York : Random House, 1964.
(reprint: Cutchogue, NY : Buccaneer Books, 1990. ISBN 0899666566)
The Short family learns to cope with life in remote areas of Southeast Alaska in the period immediately after World War II.

Stuck, Hudson. **Ten thousand miles with a dog sled; a narrative of winter travel in interior Alaska.**
New York : Scribner, 1914.
(reprint: Prescott, AZ: Wolfe Pub. Co., 1988. ISBN 0935632662)
(reprint: Lincoln, Nebraska: University of Nebraska Pr., 1988. ISBN 0803241925)
Ten years on the Yukon River in the early twentieth century, by a well-known Episcopalian missionary.

Wickersham, James. **Old Yukon: tales - trails - and trials.**
Washington, DC : Washington Law Book Co., 1938. 38-15106
A judge, appointed in 1900, holds court in Alaska during the gold rush.

BIOGRAPHY, MEMOIRS, TRAVEL Advanced - Level 3

Aspen, Jean. **Arctic daughter: a wilderness journey.**
Minneapolis, MN : Bergamot Books, 1988. ISBN 0943127017; 89-141916
The author and a companion paddle up an unnamed river in Alaska's Brooks Range to build a cabin and stay for four years.

Atwood, Evangeline. **Frontier politics: Alaska's James Wickersham.**
Portland, OR : Binford & Mort, 1979. ISBN 0832303178; 79-71140
Biography of Alaska's pioneer judge and long-time territorial delegate to Congress whose efforts directed much of Alaska's development in the first half of the 20th century.

Blackman, Margaret B. **Sadie Brower Neakok, an Inupiaq woman.**
Seattle : University of Washington Press, c1989.
ISBN 0295968133; ISBN 0295971800 pbk; 88-33959
Biography of an Inupiaq woman in Barrow who, as magistrate, won the right for Native languages to be used in court. Her story is that of the Americanization of a Native village.

Brower, Charles D. **Fifty years below zero: a lifetime of adventure in the far north.**
New York : Dodd, Mead & Co., 1942. 42-022432
Life, humor and philosophy of a pioneer Alaskan who settled in Barrow just after 1900.

Dufresne, Frank **No room for bears: a wilderness writer's experiences with a threatened breed.**
New York : Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 1965. 65-022463
(reprint: Anchorage: Alaska Northwest Books, 1991. ISBN 0882404148; 91-15629)
The author, the former director of the Territorial Game Commission, relates his experiences, some of them humorous, with bears in Alaska.

Gallagher, Hugh Gregory. **Etok; a story of Eskimo power.**
New York : Putman, c1974. ISBN 0399112561; 73-87189
A highly personal history of contemorary native political happenings which culminated in the Native Claims Settlement Act.

Green, Paul; illustrated by George Aden Ahgupuk. **I am Eskimo, Aknik my name.**
Juneau : Alaska Northwest Pub. Co., 1959. ISBN 0882400010; 59-15891
Eskimo daily living in NW Alaska as told by one Alaskan Native and illustrated by another.

Gruening, Ernest. **Many battles; the autobiography of Ernest Gruening.**
New York : Liveright, 1973. ISBN 0871405652; 72-97492
Alaska's territorial governor and first U.S. junior senator tells his story.

Heller, Herbert L. **Sourdough sagas; the journals, memories, tales and recollections of the earliest Alaskan gold miners.**
World Pub. Co., 1966. 71-12312
More tales of rough and rugged men at the turn of the century in Alaska.

Hildebrand, John. **Reading the river; a voyage down the Yukon.**
Boston : Houghton-Mifflin, 1988. ISBN 0395424801; 87-35278
Narrative of a three-month journey by canoe down the Yukon; filled with colorful people and scenery.

Lomen, Carl J. **Fifty years in Alaska.**
New York : D. McKay Co., 1954. 54-13313
The Lomen Brothers' reindeer business in Northwest Alaska, with emphasis on the great reindeer drive from Kobuk to the Mackenzie River delta between 1930 and 1935.

Machetanz, Fred. **The Alaskan paintings of Fred Machetanz.**
New York : Peacock Press/Bantam Books, 1977. ISBN 0553010611; 76-54104
Short biography and lots of color illustrations of paintings.

Machetanz, Sara. **Where else but Alaska?** (illustrations and photos by Fred Machetanz)
New York : Scribner, 1954. 54-8787
Autobiography, describing her marriage in Unalakleet and life in Alaska with Fred, to 1954.

Marshall, Robert. **Arctic village.**
Fairbanks : University of Alaska Press, 1991. (reprint of 1933 edition with new preface by Terrence Cole) ISBN 0912006471; ISBN 091200651X pbk; 90-027265
1930's description of life in Wiseman, a village on the Koyukuk river.

Martin, Martha. **O rugged land of gold.**
Fairbanks : Vanessa Press, 1989. ISBN 0940055007; wln90-337758
Life at a gold claim on Chichigof Island in Southeast Alaska between 1928 and 1954.

McGinniss, Joe. **Going to extremes.**
New York : New American Library, 1982, c1980. ISBN 0452263018; 89-8291
1975 traveler to Alaska gives his views of the places and lives of the people he meets.

Nelson, Richard K. **The island within.**
San Francisco : North Point Press, 1989. 89-016196
(reprint: NY, Vintage Books, 1991. ISBN 067973239X; 90-55685)
In exploring the natural world around him, an anthropologist realizes that "there are many paths to a meaningful sense of the natural world".

Oliver, Simeon. **Son of the smoky sea.**
New York : J. Messner, Inc., c1941. 41-15390
A half-Eskimo boy grows up at the Methodist Mission (Jesse Lee Home) at Unalaska, and recounts his travels up and down the Aleutian chain.

Pearson, Grant. **My life of high adventure.**
Englewood Cliffs, NJ : Prentice-Hall, 1962. 62-8567
Denali National Park, 1926-1959, by one of its superintendents.

Potter, Jean. **The flying north.**
New York, NY : The Macmillan Co., 1947.
(reprint: Sausalito, CA : Comstock, 1977. ISBN 089174018X pbk)
One chapter each on the well-known early bush pilots.

Wayburn, Peggy. **Adventuring in Alaska.**
San Francisco : Sierra Club Books, 1988. (1st rev. ed.) ISBN 0871567873 pbk; 87-23578
Guidebook to Alaska, including travel, lodging, descriptions, special events, some history.

Woodward, Kesler E. **Sydney Laurence, painter of the North.**
Seattle : U. of Washington Pr./Anchorage Mus. of History and Art, c1990.
ISBN 0295969539; 89-70471

Exhibition catalog with many color plates of noted Alaskan painter active through the 1930's.

FICTION

Editor's note: ***Well-written fiction depicting Alaska is very hard to find. Some of the following have great historical interest, but are not of the highest literary quality.***

FICTION Basic - Level 1

London, Jack. **Works of Jack London**
(*or any other anthology including* ***White fang*** and ***To build a fire***)
New York: Avenel, 1980. ISBN 0517309793; 80-211
Novels and short stories about adventure and survival in the Alaskan and Yukon outdoors.

FICTION Intermediate - Level 2

Beach, Rex E. (*one representative title recommended: choose by region.*)
The spoilers.
New York : A. L. Burt, 1905.
(reprint; Manchester, NH : Irvington, 1971. 0839801572; 71-96874)
Novel set in the mining camps around Nome during the gold rush.

The iron trail.
Sausalito, CA : Comstock Editions, 1913.
(reprint: Garden City, NY : Doubleday, 1965. win80-84493)
Triumph, corruption and romance during the building of the Copper River Railroad.

The silver horde.
New York : A.L. Burt, 1909.
(reprint: Cutchoque, NY : Buccaneer Books, 1975. ISBN 0899660134)
Novel about salmon breeding and fishingin the Bristol Bay area.

Bodett, Tom. **As far as you can go without a passport; the view from the end of the road.**
New York : W. Morrow, c1989. ISBN 0688087019; 89-32966
Observations by Homer resident and down-home philosopher of ***End of the Road*** *radio program.*

Service, Robert W. **Spell of the Yukon.**
c1913 *(one copy of any edition)*
(reprint: Mattituck, NY : Amereon, Ltd. ISBN 089190929X)
(reprint: New York : Putnam Pub. ISBN 0399150110)
Poems by the Canadian "Bard of the North", written during the Klondike gold rush, many in his cabin in Dawon, Yukon Territory.

FICTION Advanced - Level 3

Doig, Ivan. **The sea runners.**
New York : Atheneum, 1982. ISBN 0689113021; 82-045174;
Novel about the escape of four indentured Scandinavians from Russian America in 1858 and their canoe journey to Oregon.

Ferber, Edna. **Ice palace.**
Garden City, NJ : Doubleday, 1958.
(reprint: Cutchoque, NY : Lightyear Press, 1992. ISBN 0899682782)
Novel about a young girl raised by two grandfathers of strongly opposing views in the mythical city of Baranof, Alaska.

Guttenberg, Elyse and Jean Anderson, eds. **Inroads: an anthology celebrating Alaska's twenty-seven fellowship writers.**
Anchorage : Alaska State Council on the Arts, dist. by U. of A. Press, c1988.
ISBN 0910615012; 88-71207
Stories, poems and essays by the twenty-seven fellowship writers.

Haines, John Meade. **The stars, the snow, and the fire: twenty-five years in the Alaska wilderness.**
New York : Pocket Books, c1989. ISBN 0671725262; wln92-300140
Noted Alaskan poet remembers homesteading in the northern wilderness; a collection of essays.

Lord, Nancy. **Survival : stories.**
Minneapolis : Coffee House Press; St. Paul, MN : Consortium Book Sales and Distribution, 1991
ISBN 0918273846; 90-27025
Short stories by an author who writes and fishes in Homer, Alaska.

McCloskey, William B. **Highliners.**
New York : McGraw-Hill, c1979. ISBN 0070448566; 78-13717
In Alaska's fishing industry the highliners, or skippers and crews, challenge the elements; includes information on various kinds of fishing.

Michener, James A. **Alaska.**
New York : Random House, c1988. ISBN 0394551540; 87-43232
Historical novel by a master of the genre.

Willoughby, Barrett

(one representative title recommended; choose by region.)

Spawn of the north.
New York : Houghton-Mifflin Co., 1932. 32-10750
Novel based on the salmon industry in Ketchikan.

The trail eater, a romance of the All-Alaska sweepstakes.
New York, : London : G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1929. 29-12915
Romance centered on the Nome dogsled race.

Fur trail omnibus: containing two complete novels.
New York : Grosset & Dunlap, 1925. wln79-37126
*Includes **Where the sun swings north** (novel of adventure on a "lost" Alaskan island) and **Rocking moon** (a romance set on a Kodiak Island fox farm).*

HISTORY

HISTORY Basic - Level 1

Antonson, Joan M. and William S. Hanable. **Alaska's heritage**
Anchorage, AK : Alaska Historical Society, c1992. (2nd ed.) ISBN 0943712181
High school level textbook on Alaska history; a good place to start.

Naske, Claus M. **Alaska: a history of the 49th state.**
Norman, OK : University of Oklahoma Press, 1987. (2nd ed.) ISBN 0806120991; 87-40215
College-level textbook.

HISTORY Intermediate - Level 2

Berton, Pierre. **The Klondike: the last great gold rush, 1896-1899.**
Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 1986, c 1972. ISBN 0771012845 pbk; cn87-1426
*(originally published as **Klondike fever: the life and death of the last great gold rush**)*
The best history of the gold rush, covering Alaska and the Yukon.

Chevigny, Hector. **Russian America: the great Alaskan venture, 1741-1867.**
New York, NY : Viking Press, 1965. 65-012027
(reprint: NY : Ballantine Books, c1973. wln91-853150)
A popular history of Alaska when it was still owned by Russia.

Garfield, Brian. **The thousand-mile war: World War II in Alaska and the Aleutians.**
Garden City, NY : Doubleday, 1969. 69-020096
(reprint: New York : Bantam Books, 1982, c1969wln83-1150)
Very readable history of the battles on the Aleutians during the war, plus information on lend-lease and the Alaska highway.

Golder, Frank Alfred. **Bering's voyages; an account of the efforts of the Russians to determine the relation of Asia and America.**
New York : American Geographical Society, c1922-25.
(reprint: New York : Octagon Books, 1968. 68-21959)
A classic two-volume account of Vitus Bering's voyage of discovery.

Gruening, Ernest. **State of Alaska.**
New York : Random House, 1968. (2nd ed.) 65-11285
Political history of Alaska, concentrating on the efforts to become a state. Written by a former governor and U. S. senator.

Hinckley, Ted C. **The Americanization of Alaska, 1867-1897.**
Palo Alto, CA : Pacific Books, 1972. 71-180900
(Palo Alto, CA : Pacific Books, 1992 pbk. ed. ISBN 0870152408 pbk)
A popular history of Alaska, covering the period from its purchase from Russia to just before the Klondike gold rush.

Levi, Steve C., and Jim O'Meara. **Bush flying.**
Blue Ride Summit, PA : TAB Books, 1992. ISBN0830664629, 0830634622pbk; 90-21066
Practical guide to basics of flying small aircraft in wilderness areas.

Morgan, Murray Cromwell. **One man's gold rush: a Klondike album.**
Seattle : University of Washington Press, 1967. 67-13109
Collection of pioneer photographer E.A..Hegg's images of the Klondike and Nome gold rushes.

Sherwood, Morgan B. **Exploration of Alaska, 1865-1900.**
New Haven, CT : Yale University Press, 1965.
(reprint: Fairbanks : University of Alaska Press, 1992. ISBN 0912006625; 92-26287)
History of exploration in the 1800s, concentrating on the many expeditions sent by the U.S. government.

Smith, Barbara Sweetland, and Redmond J. Barnett, eds. **Russian-America: the forgotten frontier.** ISBN 0917048652
Tacoma, WA : Washington State Historical Society, 1990.
Essays relating to exhibit on Russian-America, showing trading influences which led to exploration and finally the decline of Russian interest in Alaska.

HISTORY Advanced - Level 3

Andrews, Clarence Leroy. **The story of Sitka.**
Seattle : Lowman and Henford, 1922.
(Reprint: Seattle : Shorey Book Store, 4th facsimile ed., 1981. wln82-186214)
Short chapters about the history of Alaska's first capital city.

Bancroft, Hubert Howe. **The history of Alaska, 1730-1885.**
San Francisco : A.L. Bancroft & Co., 1886. 02-12654
*(Published as one volume in Bancroft's **History of the Pacific States of North America**.)*
At one time the only history of Alaska; very detailed for the period it covers.

Bockstoce, John R. **Whales, ice and men: the history of whaling in the Western Arctic.**
Seattle : University of Washington Press/ New Bedford, MA : New Bedford Whaling Museum, 1986. ISBN 0295963182; 85-91266
A well-illustrated account of Alaska/Arctic whaling and of maritime history.

Bowkett, Gerald E. **Reaching for a star: the final campaign for Alaska statehood.**
Fairbanks : Epicenter Press, 1989. ISBN 0945397046; ISBN 0945397054 pbk; 89-001563
Political history of the drive towards statehood in 1959.

Cloe, John Haile. **Aleutian warriors: a history of the 11th Air Force & Fleet Air Wing 4.**
Anchorage : Anchorage Chapter, Air Force Assoc./ Missoula, MT : Pictorial Histories Co, 1990. ISBN 0929521358
The story of World War II air warfare in the Aleutian Islands (Well-illustrated, many photos).

Coates, Kenneth and William R. Morrison. **The sinking of the Princess Sophia; taking the North down with her.**
Fairbanks : University of Alaska Press, 1991. ISBN 0912006501; 90-26927
The story of one of the worst shipwrecks in Alaska's history; over 300 people died in this 1918 disaster near Juneau.

Coates, Kenneth. **North to Alaska!: fifty years on the world's most remarkable highway.**
Fairbanks : University of Alaska Press, 1992. ISBN 0912006552; 91-28139
History of construction of the Alaska Highway during World War II.

Cole, Terrence. **Crooked past : the history of a frontier mining camp, Fairbanks, Alaska.**
Fairbanks : University of Alaska Press, 1991. ISBN 0912006536; 91-4024
*(Originally published in 1984 as **E.T. Barnette: the strange story of the man who founded Fairbanks**.)*
Fairbanks history told through the life of its founder, a businessman, mayor and outlaw.

Cole, Terrence. **Nome, city of the golden beaches.**
Anchorage, AK : Alaska Geographic Society, 1984. ISBN 0882402013; 84-294
*(vol. 11, no. 1 of the **Alaska Geographic**)*
Photographic history of the gold rush.

Cracroft, Sophia. **Lady Franklin visits Sitka, Alaska,1870; the journal of Sophia Cracroft, Sir John Franklin's niece.**
Anchorage : Alaska Historical Society, 1981. 81-66441
Early description of Sitka as it changed under American rule; includes a census of its inhabitants

DeArmond, R. N. **Early visitors to southeastern Alaska: nine accounts.**
Anchorage : Alaska Northwest Pub. Co., c1978. ISBN 0882401165; 78-11408
Excerpts from books by explorers who travelled through Southeast, all before 1850.

Fortuine, Robert. **Chills and fever; health and disease in the early history of Alaska.**
Fairbanks : University of Alaska Press, c1989. ISBN 0912006412; 89-20515
Traces subject from concise summary of health aspects of traditional Alaskan cultures through introduction of European and American diseases and the growth of health services in the 19th century; concludes with a survey of current health problems in Alaska.

Gibson, James R. **Otter skins, Boston ships, and China goods : the maritime fur trade of the Northwest Coast, 1785-1841.**
Seattle : University of Washington Press, 1992. ISBN 029597169X; 91-034597
Detailed history of the changes which happened when Europeans and Americans discovered furs on the coasts of Alaska and Canada.

Goetzmann, William H. and Kay Sloan. **Looking far north: the Harriman Expedition to Alaska, 1899.**
New York : Viking,1982. 91-069972
(reprint: Princeton, NJ : Princeton U. Press, 1983. ISBN 0691005915; wln90-17915)
Narrative of one of the last great expeditions of the 19th century; members of the expedition included John Muir, Edward S. Curtis and John Burroughs.

Janson, Lone E. **The copper spike.**
Anchorage : Alaska Northwest Pub. Co.,1975. ISBN 0882400452; 0882400665 pbk;75-16446
The building of Copper River and Northwestern Railroad through the Wrangell Mountains.

Mayer, Melanie J. **Klondike women: true tales of the 1897-98 Gold Rush.**
Athens, OH : Swallow Press/Ohio University Press, 1989. ISBN0804009260; 89-33517
First hand accounts and historical photographs of women on the trails to the Klondike gold fields demonstrate the author's belief that "there were no typical Klondike women".

Miller, Orlando W. **The frontier in Alaska and the Matanuska colony.**
New Haven, CT: Yale University Press,1975. ISBN 0300016387; 74-82747
Accounts of the Depression-era experiment which sent over 100 families to homestead in the Matanuska Valley.

Minter, Roy. **The White Pass: gateway to the Klondike.**
Fairbanks : University of Alaska Press, c1987. ISBN 0912006269; wln89-411411
Describes the building of the railroad, finished in 1900, which connected Skagway to the Yukon and the gold fields.

Neering, Rosemary. **Continental dash: the Russian-American telegraph.**
Ganges, B.C. : Horsdal & Schubart, c1989. ISBN 0920663079; 89-196916
History of the Western Union Telegraph Expedition of 1865-1867, which attempted to lay lines through Alaska and Siberia.

Webb, Melody. **The last frontier: a history of the Yukon basin of Canada and Alaska.**
Albuquerque, NM : University of New Mexico Press, 1985. ISBN 0826308090; 85-1022
Detailed look at settlement in Alaska and Yukon Territory with extensive information on gold rushes and steam boats.

Wilson, William H. **Railroad in the clouds; the Alaska Railroad in the age of steam,1914-1945.**
Boulder, CO : Pruett Pub. Co., c1977. ISBN 0871085100; 77-24368
The building and early operation of Alaska's government-owned railroad. Also describes the founding of Anchorage and contains many railroad photographs.

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NATIVE CULTURES

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NATIVE CULTURES Basic - Level 1

Arnold, Robert D. **Alaska native land claims.**
Anchorage : Alaska Native Foundation, c1976. wln80-6413
Historical account of ANSCA and its impact on Alaska Natives. Provides basic background for any study of subject.

Berger, Thomas R. **Village journey; the report of the Alaska Native Review Commission.**
New York : Hill & Wang , 1985. ISBN 0809001659 pbk; 85-17692
A personal review of Alaska Native land claims, and specifically, Native views of the successes and failures of the Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Act some 13 years after the Act became effective.

Langdon, Steve. **The Native people of Alaska.**
Anchorage : Greatland Graphics, c1992. (3rd. rev.) ISBN 0936425083 pbk;, wln90-83922
An excellent overview of Alaska's indigenous peoples, their culture, ceremonies, hunting methods, social organizations and demographics. Some maps and photographs.

Morgan, Lael, ed. **Alaska's native peoples.**
Anchorage : Alaska Geographic Society, c1979. 78-10528
*(vol. 6, no. 3 of the **Alaska Geographic**)*
Authoritative review of Native groups, including historical background, current status and lifeways as of 1979. Individually-authored chapters by specialists with many color photos.

Ray, Dorothy Jean. **The Eskimos of Bering Strait, 1650-1898.**
Seattle, WA : Univ. of Washington Press, c1975.
(reprint: Seattle : Univ. of Washington Press, 1992. ISBN 0295971223 pbk; 91-28577)
The standard historical account of Euro-Americans and Eskimo interaction for the area and period presented by a recognized authority.

NATIVE CULTURES Intermediate-Level 2

Case, David S. **Alaska natives and American laws.**
Fairbanks : University of Alaska Press, 1984. ISBN 0912006080; 84-80796
*"Collection of references to and discussion of major source material which bears on legal and political history of the Alaska Natives under rule of federal and state laws." Now somewhat dated, but still valuable as a reference source. Revision of author's 1978 work, **Special Relationship of Alaska Natives to the Federal Government.***

Fitzhugh, William W., and Aron Crowell, eds. **Crossroads of continents: cultures of Siberia and Alaska.**
Washington, DC : Smithsonian Institution Press, 1988.
ISBN 0874744423; 0874744350 pbk.; 88-42630
Sweeping overview of relationships and interaction between Native peoples of Alaska and Russian Siberia. This exhibition catalog has separately authored articles about each ethnic group, covering archaeology, ethnology, history, etc., by recognized Russian, American and Canadian specialists. Articles are directed to the interested general public.

Garfield, Viola Edmundson and Linn A. Forrest. **The wolf and the raven; totem poles of southeastern Alaska.**
Seattle, WA : University of Washington Press, 1961. (rev. ed.) 61-59889
Totem poles of Southeast Alaska and their place in the Native cultures.

Laughlin, William S. **Aleuts: survivors of the Bering Land Bridge.**
New York : Holt, Rinehart and Winston, c1980. ISBN 0030812690 pbk; 80-12594
Overview of Aleut history and culture for the general reader by a specialist. Strong on archaeology and prehistory, but rather weak on Aleut social life and customs.

Nelson, Edward William. **Eskimo about Bering Strait.**
Washington, DC : Govt. Print Off., 1900. wln74-010101
(reprint: Washington, DC : Smithsonian Institution Press, 1983. ISBN 087474671X pbk; 83-600094;)
Detailed 19th century report on Yupik Eskimo culture before it was extensively impacted by Euro-American contact. Much detailed description of artifacts and customs. Reprint edition has a new and useful 50-page modern introduction.

Oswalt, Wendell H. **Alaskan Eskimos.**
San Francisco : Chandler Pub. Co., 1967. 67-18215
Focuses on the similarities and differences in the lifestyles of Alaskan Native Eskimos.

Ray, Dorothy Jean. **Artists of the tundra and the sea.**
Seattle : University of Washington Press, 1961. 61-014648
(Reprint with corrections: Seattle : U. of W. Press, 1980. ISBN 0295957328; 79-027420)
History of the development of modern Eskimo ivory trade art in the Bering Strait region by the recognized authority.

Sturtevant, William C., ed. **Handbook of North American Indians.**
v.5: Arctic (David Damas, ed.)
v.6: Subarctic (June Helm, ed.)
v.7: Northwest coast (Wayne Suttles, ed.)
Washington, DC : Smithsonian Institution, 1978-1990. 77-17162
Part of a twenty volume set providing an encyclopedic summary of the prehistory, history, language and culture of the native peoples of North America. The volumes listed are a good resource for information on native peoples of Alaska. Very extensive bibliographies in each volume.

VanStone, James W. **Athapaskan adaptations: hunters and fishermen of the subarctic forests.**
Chicago : Aldine Pub. Co., 1974. 73-089518
(reprint: Arlington Heights, IL : Harlan Davidson, c1974. wln89-353268)
Standard introduction to Northern Athapaskans of Canada and Alaska by a well-known anthropologist. Includes historical review, history of European contact and the modern world.

NATIVE CULTURES Advanced-Level 3

Barbeau, Marius. **Haida carvers in argillite.**
Ottawa : Dept. of Northern Affairs and Natural Resources, National Museum of Canada, 1957.
(Reprint: Ottawa : National Museum of Man, 1974. wln90-164553)
Classic study of Haida art and artists by this noted Canadian authority.

Bigjim, Frederick Seagayuk, and James Ito-Adler. **Letters to Howard: an interpretation of the Alaska native land claims.**
Anchorage : Alaska Methodist University Press, 1974. ISBN 0685493792; 81-484878
*Letters originally addressed to the editor of the **Tundra Times** , Howard Rock. They provide provocative interpretations and questions about how the Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Act would affect Alaska Natives upon implementation.*

Black, Lydia. **Aleut art; unangam aquqaadangin, unangan of the Aleutian Archipelago.**
Anchorage : Aang An^ga^gin, Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association, 1982.
Standard introduction and overview of the subject. ISBN 0960930809; 82-73653

_____. **Glory remembered: wooden headgear of Alaska sea hunters.**
Juneau : Friends of the Alaska State Museum/ Seattle: distributed by University of Washington Press, 1991. ISBN 0295971517; wln92-323815
Detailed study of one aspect of Aleut art. Provides much information formerly only available in Russian and/or long out of print.

Cole, Douglas. **Captured heritage; the scramble for Northwest Coast artifacts.**
Seattle : University of Washington Press, 1985. 84-40674
Relates the early history of the purchasing and collection of Native artifacts from the Northwest Coast Indians for museums and private collectors, the motivation, the ethnocentricity, etc.

Collins, Henry B., et. al. **The far north; 2000 years of American Eskimo and Indian art.**
Washington, DC : National Gallery of Art, 1973. 72-097570
(Reprint: Bloomington, Indiana Univ. Pr., 1977. ISBN 0253321204; 0253281059 pbk, 77-3132)
Exhibition catalog of Eskimo, Athapaskan and Tlingit art. Consists of an introductory essay for the general public, followed by numerous short descriptions of artifacts from the exhibition catalog.

De Laguna, Frederica. **The story of a Tlingit community: a problem in the relationship between archeological, ethnological and historical methods.**
Washington, DC : U.S. Government Printing Office, 1960. 60-660629
(Reprint: Brighton, MI : Native Am. Bk. Pub., 1990. ISBN 1878592041 pbk; 90-34894)
Ethnological, archeological and acculturation study based on field work at Angoon, Killisnoo and nearby areas.

_____.**The archaeology of Cook Inlet, Alaska.**
Philadelphia : University of Pennsylvania Press, 1934.
Anchorage : Alaska Historical Society, 1975. (2nd ed.) 76-359400
(reprint: New York : AMS Press, 1975. 040411627X; 74-5832)
Classic study which defined the prehistoric cultures and became the basis of all later studies. Historical Society reprint is to be preferred for its new preface which provides guidance to newer studies and dating.

Drucker, Philip. **Indians of the Northwest coast.**
Garden City, NY : Natural History Press, 1963, c1955. ISBN 0385024436 pbk.; wln78-31323
Somewhat dated overview for the general reader. Covers the area from Oregon to Southeast Alaska. Strong on Native culture at time of historic contact, but weak on 20th century developments and lacking anything after 1950.

Duncan, Kate C. **Northern Athapaskan art; a beadwork tradition.**
Seattle : University of Washington Press, c1989. ISBN 029596569X; 87-21597
Beadwork and costume ornamentation of sub-arctic Athapaskans; lavishly illustrated.

Emmons, George Thornton. **The Tlingit Indians.**
Edited with additions by Frederica De Laguna and a biography by Jean Low.
Seattle : University of Washington Press/ New York: American Museum of Natural History, 1991. ISBN 0295970081; 90-46274
Major contribution to the ethnography of the Northwest Coast by Emmons, who spent the 1880's and 1890's with the Navy in Alaska; additions are made by De Laguna, a noted anthropologist, who studied the Tlingit culture.

Giddings, J. Louis. **Ancient men of the Arctic.**
New York : Knopf, 1967. 65-011122
(reprint: Seattle : U. of Washington Press, 1985. ISBN 0295960450 pbk.; 84-21999)
Autobiographical account of his archeological activities in Alaska from circa 1940 to 1964. Written for the layman.

Gunther, Erna. **Art in the life of the Northwest Coast Indians.**
Portland, OR : Portland Art Museum, c1966.
(reprint: Seattle : Superior Pub. Co., 1966. wln80-36406)
Exhibition catalog containing extensive ethnographic, historical and artistic information about individual specimens and categories of material.

Johnson, John F. C., comp. **Chugach legends: stories and photographs of the Chugach region.**
Anchorage, AK : Chugach Alaska Corp., 1984. wln 84-156765
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Study of the place of boreal forest hunting among Northern Athapaskans. Based on work at Chalkyitsik, Alaska.

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Study of the Koyukon relationship with the natural environment, their culture and customs, their view of nature and their subsistence way of life. Based on work in Huslia and Hughes.

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Standard overview of the origins, techniques and purposes of traditional and modern commercial art of these Native peoples. Has many photographs and descriptions of individual specimens.

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Anchorage : Alaska Historical Commission, 1983. 83-621564
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"How-to" manual for making traditional Athabascan baskets, snowshoes, fishtraps, canoes and clothing.

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Seattle : University of Washington Press, c1979. ISBN 0295956453; 78-73988
General introduction to Northwest Coast art, its components, design motifs and artistic conventions.

NATIVE LANGUAGE DICTIONARIES

Editors' note: ***A language dictionary or glossary for the language spoken in your area. Examples of those published by the Alaska Native Language Center, University of Alaska Fairbanks and Alaska native cultural organizations are as follows:***

NATIVE LANGUAGE DICTIONARIES

Badten, Linda Womkon, et. al. **A dictionary of the St. Lawrence Island/Siberian Yupik Eskimo language.**
Fairbanks : Alaska Native Language Center, University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1987.
(2nd prelim. ed. 87-1283)
The only basic dictionary for this small Yupik language group. Usefulness limited by number of Native speakers. Preliminary status suggests a final more complete dictionary may be published by ANLC sometime in the future.

Bergsland, Knut, comp. **Atkan Aleut-English dictionary.**
Anchorage : University of Alaska, National Bilingual Materials Development Center, c1980. 87-622595
Only available dictionary for this small Aleut language group. The "tentative" status of it suggests possible future revisions.

Davis, Henry. **English-Tlingit dictionary: nouns.**
Sitka : Sheldon Jackson, c1976. wln88-299535
Best available dictionary but limited to nouns. Libraries should also own Story's verb dictionary to be more complete.

Dunn, John Asher. **A practical dictionary of the Coast Tsimshian language.**
Ottawa : National Museums of Canada, 1978. (Mercury series 0316-1854) 79-321726
Best available dictionary. Based primarily on Canadian Tsimshian research rather than Alaskan Natives.

Jacobson, Steven A., comp. **Yupik Eskimo dictionary.**
Fairbanks : Alaska Native Language Center, 1984. 84-623317
The best and most complete dictionary of Alaska's largest group of Native speakers. Includes Yupik to English and English to Yupik.

Kari, James M., comp. **Ahtna Athabaskan dictionary.**
Fairbanks : Alaska Native Language Center, 1990. 90-31
Ahtna to English and English to Ahtna dictionary by the most knowledgeable authority. General usefulness limited by the small number of native speakers of this language.

_____. **Dena'ina noun dictionary.**
Fairbanks : Alaska Native Language Center, 1977. 78-624128
The best available dictionary. This Dena'ina is limited to nouns only and purchasers should be aware that a more complete dictionary including verb forms may be published in the future. General usefulness limited by the small number of native speakers of this language.

Kari, James, M., comp. (con't)
_____. **Deg Xinag: Ingalik noun dictionary.**
Fairbanks : Alaska Native Language Center, 1978. wln79-48790
A preliminary noun dictionary of Ingalik which is the best available. A more complete dictionary of the language, which includes verbs may appear in the future. Usefulness limited by small number of native speakers.

_____.**Holikachuk noun dictionary. (preliminary)**
Fairbanks : Alaska Native Language Center, 1978. wln84-117120
Limited to nouns, this is the best available. Purchasers should be aware that a more complete dictionary of the language, which includes verbs, may appear in the future. Usefulness limited by small number of native speakers.

Lawrence, Erma, comp. **Haida dictionary.**
Fairbanks : Society for the Preservation of Haida Language and Literature/ the Alaska Native Language Center, 1977. 78-101871
Most complete dictionary by authorities of the Haida language. Usefulness limited by small number of native speakers of the language.

Leer, Jeff, comp. **A conversational dictionary of Kodiak Alutiiq.**
Fairbanks : Alaska Native Language Center, 1978. wln82-235909
Best available Alutiiq dictionary. Intended primarily to assist in teaching the language. Usefulness limited by small number of native speakers.

MacLean, Edna Ahgeak, comp. **Inupiallu tannillu uqalunisa ilanich = abridged Inupiaq and English dictionary.**
Fairbanks : Alaska Native Language Center/ Barrow, AK: Inupiat Language Commission, North Slope Borough, 1980, c1981. 83-129602
Best available dictionary by Inupiaq language authorities of the most geographically extensive Native Alaskan language. Recommended for most libraries. Inupiaq is the language most English speakers are referring to when they inquire into the meaning of "Eskimo" words.

Peter, Katherine, comp. **Dinjii zhuh ginjik nagwan tr'iitsaii = Gwich'in junior dictionary**
Anchorage : National Bilingual Materials Development Center,1979. wln83-23304
Most complete "preliminary" dictionary of Gwich'in Athapascan. Usefulness limted by small number of Native speakers of the language.

Story, Gillian L., comp. **Tlingit verb dictionary.**
Fairbanks : Alaska Native Language Center, 1973. wln79-9370
Best available dictionary, but is limited to verb forms of the language. Should be used in conjunction with H. Davis noun dictionary of Tlingit for the most complete access to Tlingit.

NATURE, SCIENCE, TECHOLOGY

NATURE, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY
Basic - Level 1

Editors' note: ***The** Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Alaska Fairbanks **has many publications on Alaskan subjects such as cooking, gardening, health, clothing, crafts, log cabin building, etc. Contact them for a list of titles that might be useful.***

Editors' note: ***One or two good wall maps of Alaska and the Polar Regions are recommended; for example:***
U.S. Geographical Survey: Map E, compiled in 1973, revised in 1987, Shaded relief edition (scale: 1:2,500,000).

Robert Hedin and Gary H. Holthaus, eds. **Alaska: reflections on land and spirit.**
Tucson, AZ : University of Arizona Press, c1989. 88-27803; 0816510938
Collection of 22 essays on the many aspects of Alaska, the last frontier and a wilderness under siege; selections by Sigurd Olson, John Muir, John Haines and Anne Morrow Lindbergh, among others.

Batin, Christopher. **Hunting in Alaska: a comprehensive guide.**
Fairbanks : Alaska Hunter, 1989. (rev. ed.) ISBN 0916771075 pbk.; wln90-152430
Tips on where to go and how to bag big game in Alaska.

_____. **How to catch Alaska's trophy sportfish.**
Fairbanks : Alaska Angler, 1988. (rev. ed.) ISBN 0916771032; wln90-65872
Techniques, bait, lures and color identification guide; includes chapters devoted to fishing various species and trip planning.

Davis, T. Neil. **Alaska science nuggets.**
Fairbanks : Geophysical Institute, U. of A., 1982. ISBN 0915360020 pbk.; 82-80679
All kinds of applied and natural science information: northern lights, lunar eclipses, earthquakes, insulation, as they pertain to Alaska. Excellent index.

Reardon, Jim. **Alaska mammals.**
Anchorage : Alaska Geographic Society, 1981. ISBN 0882401556; 81-976
*(vol. 8, no. 2 of the **Alaska Geographic**)*
Well-illustrated guide to sea and land mammals.

Freeburn, Laurence, ed. **The silver years of the Alaska canned salmon industry: an album of historical photos**
Anchorage : Alaska Northwest Pub. Co., 1976. ISBN 0882400819
*(vol. 3, no. 2 of the **Alaska Geographic**)*
Pictorial work on history of Alaska salmon canning industry in years before statehood.

Choose one of two wild flower guides by White or Pratt :

White, Helen A., ed. **Alaska-Yukon wild flowers guide**
Anchorage : Alaska Northwest Books, 1989, c1974. ISBN 0882400320; wln91-762887
Large color photographs, black and white drawings, descriptions and common location of many wild flowers found in this region.

or

Pratt, Verna E. **Field guide to Alaskan wildflowers.**
Anchorage : Alaskakrafts, c1989. ISBN 0962319201; 89-84536
Subtitled "A Roadside Guide", this book is similar to the above, with photographs and illustrations. Specifically details the plants found along Alaska's roads. Additional information includes guides to other miscellaneous trees and ferns, blooming time charts and locations of outstanding areas for viewing wildflowers. Arranged by color of the flowers, with indices.

NATURE,SCIENCE,TECHNOLOGY
Intermediate - Level 2

Armstrong, Robert H. **Guide to the birds of Alaska.**
Anchorage, AK : Alaska Northwest Books, 1990. (3rd ed., rev.) ISBN 0882403672; 89-17979
A classic Alaska bird identification book, with color photographs, paintings and a biogeographic map. Contains descriptions of 437 species of birds known to be found in Alaska.

Barry, Mary J. **History of mining on the Kenai Peninsula.**
Anchorage : Alaska Northwest Publishing Co., 1973. ISBN 0882400185; 73-80129
Early mineral exploration and early pioneer gold seekers of this area of Alaska.

Berry, William D. **William D. Berry; 1954 - 1956 Alaskan field sketches.**
Fairbanks : University of Alaska Press, 1989. ISBN 091200634X; 0912006366 pbk.; 89-4927
Wonderful drawings of Alaskan animals, birds, plants and vistas by one of Alaska's own naturalist artists.

Cobb, Edward Huntington. **Placer deposits of Alaska. (U. S. G. S. Bulletin 1374)**
Washington, DC : U.S. Govt. Print Office, 1973. 73-600162
(reprint: Fairbanks : Alaskan Prospector's Pub. 1986? wln86-23268)
"Inventory of the placer mines and prospects of Alaska, their history and geologic setting."

Cooking Alaskan.
Anchorage : Alaska Northwest Publishing Co., 1983. ISBN 0882402374 pbk.; 83-118645
"How Alaskan cooks use Alaskan foods. Recipes and information on 1500 home-grown or - bred items."

Davidson, Art. **In the wake of the Exxon Valdez; the devastating impact of the Alaska oil spill.**
San Francisco : Sierra Club Books, c1990. ISBN 0871566141; 89-29294
An account and analysis of the tanker disaster which includes interviews with residents, oil industry personnel and government officials..

Davis, T. Neil. **The Aurora Watcher's Handbook.**
Fairbanks : University of Alaska Press, 1992. ISBN19920530125051; 91-43080
What every watcher of the Northern Lights (Aurora) might want to know. Broad discussion of what is known and unknown about the Aurora.

Guild, Ben. **The Alaskan mushroom hunter's guide.**
Anchorage : Alaska Northwest Pub. Co., 1977. ISBN 0882400649; 76-29729
Well-illustrated guide with access by both scientific and popular name; includes recipes.

Kessler, Doyne W. **Alaska's saltwater fishes and other sea life; a field guide.**
Anchorage : Alaska Northwest Pub. Co., c1985. ISBN 0882403028; 85-13483
Color photos, black and white illustrations, and text detail 375 species of Alaskan marine life. A good, quick identification guide.

Morrow, James Edwin. **The freshwater fishes of Alaska.**
Anchorage : Alaska Northwest Pub. Co., c1980. ISBN 0882401343; 80-11160
Comprehensive, heavily illustrated accounts of all freshwater fishes.

Murray, John A., ed. **A republic of rivers: three centuries of nature writing from Alaska and the Yukon.**
New York : Oxford University Press, 1990. ISBN 0195061020; 0195076052 pbk.; 89-28906
Anthology of nature writing, 1741 to the present; authors include missionaries, explorers, native Alaskans, miners, scientists -- 48 in all - -who relate to the land in different ways.

Simmerman, Nancy. **Alaska's parklands, the complete guide.**
Seattle, WA : The Mountaineers, c1991. (rev. ed.) ISBN 0898860539 pbk.; wln91-733288
Descriptions, illustrations, photos and maps of all parks, monuments, rivers, refuges, and forests.

Viereck, Leslie A. and Elbert L. Little, Jr. **Alaska trees and shrubs.**
Fairbanks : University of Alaska Press, 1986. ISBN 0912006196 pbk.; 86-50727
Excellent identification guide to native woody plants in Alaska. Many easy-to-use pen and ink illustrations.

Wynne, Kate. **Guide to marine mammals of Alaska.**
Fairbanks : Alaska Sea Grant College Program, University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1992. ISBN 1566120098; wln 93-5868
Excellent identification guide, with fine colored illustrations, information on size, behavior, habitat, status, and human interaction. (Libraries in Coastal communities should consider as Basic - Level 1.)

NATURE,SCIENCE,TECHNOLOGY
Advanced - Level 3

Anderson, Barry C. **Lifeline to the Yukon; a history of Yukon River navigation.**
Seattle : Superior Pub. Co., c1983. ISBN 0875648630; 83-90955
Development of the riverboat transportation system of the Yukon River; extensive black and white and color photographs; written by a "riverboat fan".

Brooks, Alfred Hulse. **Blazing Alaska's trails.**
Fairbanks : University of Alaska Press, c1973. ISBN 0912006013; 73-88211
Collection of essays on geography, geology, climate, flora, and early inhabitants by one of the most knowledgable Alaskans of his time.

Browne, Belmore. **The conquest of Mount McKinley.**
Boston : Houghton-Mifflin, 1956. (new ed.) 56-8579
Pioneer climbs of Mt. McKinley; logistics, preparation and execution in the Alaska of 1906-1912.

Browning, Robert J. **Fisheries of the North Pacific: history, species, gear and processes.**
Anchorage : Alaska Northwest Publishing Co., 1980. (rev. ed.) ISBN 0882401289; 80-17194
Excellent, well-illustrated account of commercial fishing and processing.

Caras, Roger A. **Monarch of Deadman Bay; the life and death of a Kodiak bear.**
Boston : Little, Brown, 1969.
(reprint: Lincoln : University of Nebraska Press, 1990. ISBN 0803263376 pbk; 90-012312)
Well-written explanation of the life cycle and habits of the Kodiak Brown Bear; portrays the life of a typical bear on Kodiak Island.

Clifford, Howard. **Rails north: the railroads of Alaska and the Yukon.**
Seattle : Superior Pub. Co., c1981. ISBN 0875645364; 80-23828
Well-illustrated extensive account of this important form of transporation in the North.

Connor, Cathy L., and Daniel O'Haire. **Roadside geology of Alaska.**
Missoula, MT : Mountain Press, 1988. ISBN 08756455364; 80-23828
"Geologic descriptions of the terrain along the roads of Alaska."

Davis, T. Neil. **Energy Alaska.**
Fairbanks : University of Alaska Press, c1984. ISBN 0912006072; 83-51414
"A summary of what is known about the energy resources of Alaska."

Dyson, George. **Baidarka: the kayak.**
Anchorage : Alaska Northwest Books, 1990. ISBN 088240315X pbk; win91-668709
A history of the development and use of the Aleut skin boat, including new applications of its technology by the author. "Boat building dreams and adventures."

Gabrielson, Ira Noel and Frederick C. Lincoln. **The birds of Alaska.**
Harrisburg, PA : Stackpole Co., 1959. 59-656
Standard work with excellent colored plates. Excellent history of research and sources for study in beginning of volume.

Heiner, Virginia Doyle. **Alaska mining history: a source document.**
Anchorage : Office of History and Archaeology, Alaska Division of Parks, 1977. 77-154839
An excellent book with which to begin exploration of Alaska's mining past and present, listing basic books and research sources.

Hunt, William R. **North of 53; the wild days of the Alaska-Yukon mining frontier, 1870-1914.**
New York : Macmillan, 1974. ISBN 0025575104; 74-12404
Tales of the men and women, saints and sinners who participated in the gold rushes of Alaska and the Yukon.

Lopez, Barry Holstun. **Arctic dreams: imagination and desire in a northern landscape.**
New York : Scribner, c1986. ISBN 0684185784; 85-24979
(Another ed.: New York : Bantam Books, 1989. ISBN 0553346644 pbk; 88-47877)
A tribute to the Arctic region, its natural history, exploration and development.

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Anchorage : Alaska Northwest Books, c1989. ISBN 088240329X; 88-31747
Author's account of nine months spent alone at a small log cabin located in the northwestern Brooks Range above the Arctic Circle, "testing himself against the solitude".

Ricketts, Edward Flanders, et. al. **Between Pacific tides.**
Stanford, CA : Stanford University Pr., 1985. ISBN 0804720681 pbk; 0804712298; 83-40620
"Detailed account of the habits and habitats of the animals which live on the shores and in the tide pools of the Pacific coast." 5th edition printed in 1985.

Roppel, Patricia. **Fortunes from the earth: an history of the base and industrial minerals of Southeast Alaska.**
Manhattan, KS : Sunflower University Press, 1991. ISBN0897451368; 91-157108
Restricted to Southeast Alaska; a history of mining for minerals other than gold,including silver, nickel, molybdenum.

Washburn, Bradford. **Mount McKinley: the conquest of Denali.**
New York, Abrams, 1991. ISBN 0810936119; 90-30565
Written by the man who mapped and photographed Mt. McKinley, making it his life's work.

Weeden, Robert B. **Alaska, promises to keep.**
Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 1978. ISBN0395271231; 78-16121
Classic analysis of people and natural resource issues in Alaska and the new choices which can be made to develop new relationships between Alaskans and the land.

Williams, Howel, ed. **Landscapes of Alaska: their geologic evolution.**
Berkeley : University of California Press, 1958. 58-8655
Heavily illustrated geologic and geographic survey of Alaska; includes good maps. Excellent overview of all regions of the state.

Young, George Orville. **Alaskan-Yukon trophies won and lost.**
Huntington, WV : Standard Pub., 1947.
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Account of a hunting trip to Alaska and Yukon for big game, conducted in the "grand" manner.

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